

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): ~~The A laser-welded composite part of claim 9 produced by a method for connecting a plastic pipe to another plastic part, wherein~~

an outer layer of the plastic pipe and an outer layer of the other plastic part are largely opaque to laser light of a certain wavelength, which comprises:

sheathing both the plastic pipe and the other plastic part ends thereof by an additional adaptor made of a plastic transmissive to laser light, and

fastening the adaptor to at least one of the plastic pipe and the other plastic part by laser-beam welding;

wherein the composite part is a motor-vehicle pipeline.

Claim 11 (Withdrawn, Currently Amended): The composite part of claim 10, [[9,]] wherein the composite part is a gas transport line.

Claim 12 (Withdrawn, Currently Amended): The composite part of claim 10, [[9,]] wherein the composite part is a component of a medical device.

Claim 13 (Original): The composite part of claim 10, wherein the composite part is a pipeline selected from the group consisting of a fuel line, a coolant line, a brake fluid line, a hydraulic fluid line, and a line of a windshield washing system.

Claims 14-16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The A laser-welded composite part of claim 16,
obtained by a method for connecting a plastic pipe to another plastic part, wherein
an outer layer of the plastic pipe and an outer layer of the other plastic part are largely
opaque to laser light of a certain wavelength, which comprises:

(a) molding an additional adaptor of a material transmissive to laser light together
with the other plastic part by a two-component injection-molding process,

(b) inserting the pipe into the adaptor, and

(c) fastening the pipe to the adaptor by means of at least one weld;
wherein the composite part is a motor-vehicle pipeline.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn; Currently Amended): The composite part of claim 17, [[16,]]
wherein the composite part is a gas transport line.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn; Currently Amended): The composite part of claim 17, [[16,]]
wherein the composite part is a component of a medical device.

Claim 20 (Original): The composite part of claim 17, wherein the composite part is a
pipeline selected from the group consisting of a fuel line, a coolant line, a brake fluid line, a
hydraulic fluid line, and a line of a windshield washing system.

Claims 21-23 (Canceled).

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): ~~The A laser-welded composite part of claim 23,~~
obtained by a method for connecting a plastic pipe to another plastic part, wherein
an outer layer of the plastic pipe and an outer layer of the other plastic part are largely
opaque to laser light of a certain wavelength, which comprises:

- (a) molding an additional adaptor of a plastic transmissive to laser light onto the other
plastic part,
- (b) inserting the pipe into the adaptor, and
- (c) fastening the pipe to the adaptor by means of at least one weld;
wherein the composite part is a motor-vehicle pipeline.

Claim 25 (Withdrawn; Currently Amended): The composite part of claim 24, [[23,]]
wherein the composite part is a gas transport line.

Claim 26 (Withdrawn; Currently Amended): The composite part of claim 24, [[23,]]
wherein the composite part is a component of a medical device.

Claim 27 (Original): The composite part of claim 24, wherein the composite part is a
pipeline selected from the group consisting of a fuel line, a coolant line, a brake fluid line, a
hydraulic fluid line, and a line of a windshield washing system.

Claims 28-30 (Canceled).

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): ~~The A laser-welded composite part of claim 30,~~
obtained by a method for connecting a plastic pipe to another plastic part, wherein an outer

layer of the plastic pipe and an outer layer of the other plastic part are largely opaque to laser light of a certain wavelength, comprising the steps of:

- (a) molding the other plastic part onto an adaptor of a plastic transmissive to laser light,
- (b) inserting the pipe into the adaptor, and
fastening the pipe to the adaptor by means of at least one weld;
wherein the composite part is a motor-vehicle pipeline.

Claim 32 (Withdrawn; Currently Amended): The composite part of claim 31, [[30,]] wherein the composite part is a gas transport line.

Claim 33 (Withdrawn; Currently Amended): The composite part of claim 31, [[30,]] wherein the composite part is a component of a medical device.

Claim 34 (Original): The composite part of claim 31, wherein the composite part is a pipeline selected from the group consisting of a fuel line, a coolant line, a brake fluid line, a hydraulic fluid line, and a line of a windshield washing system.

Claim 35 (New): The laser-welded composite part of claim 10, wherein the plastic pipe is a multi-layer pipe comprising a barrier layer.

Claim 36 (New): The laser-welded composite part of claim 10, wherein the plastic pipe is a multi-layer pipe comprising an antistatic inner layer.

Claim 37 (New): The laser-welded composite part of claim 10, wherein the plastic pipe is a multi-layer pipe comprising a barrier layer and an antistatic inner layer.

Claim 38 (New): The laser-welded composite part of claim 10, wherein the other plastic part is a pipe.

Claim 39 (New): The laser-welded composite part of claim 10, wherein the other plastic part is selected from the group consisting of a quick connector, a branch, a valve and a cover for the pipe.

Claim 40 (New): The laser-welded composite part of claim 10, wherein the adaptor is a sleeve.

Claim 41 (New): The laser-welded composite part of claim 10, further comprising welding the adaptor onto the pipe and onto the other plastic part by at least one peripheral weld in each case.

DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT

The Specification is amended to provide a replacement Abstract. A clean copy of the replacement Abstract appears at the end of this paper.

Claims 1-34 are pending. Claims 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, 31, and 34 are active because Claims 1-9, 11-12, 14-16, 18-19, 21-23, 25-26, 28-30, and 32-33 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Claim 10 is amended to incorporate the limitations of original Claims 1 and 9. New Claims 35-41, which correspond to original Claims 2-8, are added. Claims 1-9 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 11-12 are amended to depend on Claim 10.

Claim 17 is amended to incorporate the limitations of original Claims 14 and 16. Claims 18-19 are amended to depend on Claim 17. Claims 14-16 are canceled without prejudice.

Claim 24 is amended to incorporate the limitations of original Claims 21 and 23. Claims 25-26 are amended to depend on Claim 24. Claims 21-23 are canceled.

Claim 31 is amended to incorporate the limitations of original Claims 28 and 30. Claims 32-33 are amended to depend on Claim 31. Claims 28-30 are canceled without prejudice.

No new matter is believed to be added upon entry of the amendment.

Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, 31, and 34 will remain active and Claims 10-13, 17-20, 24-27, and 31-41 will be pending.

Rejoinder of the withdrawn claims is respectfully requested.